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Columbus Recreation and Parks Department Reopens Martin Janis Senior Center

Today was just one more sign that the income tax Columbus voters passed last August is working.

Mayor Michael B. Coleman, City Councilmember Priscilla Tyson, and the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department reopened the Martin Janis Senior Center, 600 E. 11th Ave., this afternoon after it had been closed for one year due to last year's budget cuts.

"It was painful to see the Martin Janis Senior Center closed, which makes it all the more exciting to see reopen it today," said Mayor Coleman, "because personal growth does not stop when you enter into adulthood. Personal growth needs to continue throughout your life."

The department is also scheduled to reopen Barack Recreation Center on Apr. 13 and several more centers in September including Glenwood, Feddersen, Indian Mound, and Milo Grogan.

Martin Janis, which was first opened in 1978, has actively seen memberships of more than 300 senior adults on an average basis throughout the years.

The center, located on the southern edge of the state fairgrounds, will offer its participants classes in yoga, building model railroads, stained glass, pottery and ceramics, gardening, tai chi, basketry, and aerobics as well as opportunities for playing cards, billiards and bingo, and hosting special events in dance, music, and theatre.

The center will operate Mon. – Fri., from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, please call 645-5954.